# **EXCISE BOARD NOT** FIT, SENATOR SAYS

Urges the President to Remove Present Members and Appoint Others.

# INSISTS INQUIRY REPORT WAS MILDER THAN FACTS

Mr. Jones Intends to Make It an Issue Unless Corrective Action Is Taken.

Urging strongly that the Presiden be made acquainted with the facts brought out in the investigation of the District excise board by the Senate committee appointed to make the inquiry, so that he "might act and save himself and his administration from attack because of action of the board," Senator Jones of Washington today gave out a statement declaring that the members of the excise board should be removed from office without delay.

Senator Jones was a member of the committee which made the investigation of the excise board. His statement was as follows:

## Rests With the President.

What will be the result of the Senate investigation of the excise board? Whether there will be any direct and mmediate results I do not know. This rests largely with the President. He appoints the board and he can change it if he will. It is suggested that he may make an independent investigation. If he does, and gets an impartial report after a careful examination, he will receive a more severe arraignment of the board than was made by the Senate committee. The facts warrant much more severe condemnation than

much more severe condemnation than we gave.

"Why didn't we make it stronger? Simply because we did not desire to give an excuse for any one to charge us with blas or with an undignified attack on the baord. I myself very earnestly desired to close the report with a positive statement that the board is wholly unfit to be left longer in charge of the execution of the law. I am sure that the members who joined in the report strongly felt this to be true, but the majority of them believed it would detract from the force and dignity of the report to say this, and so it was omitted.

# No Evidence of Corruption.

"It was true as we said that there was no evidence-evidence that would be admissible in a court of law-that the board has been influenced corruptly has taken in the execution of the law has taken in the execution of the law is most difficult to explain upon any theory that excludes corruption unless we conclude that they are under the control of some strong political influence or are devoid of all sense of public or moral responsibility. Every charge that I made against them as a board in my speech in the Senate and more is fully proved. If they are continued in office the President will be responsible.

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clearly. The unitness of the present of Surgeon General Gorgas, also promoted board is demonstrated. To continue it is to approve its conduct, including as it does the perversion and nullification of a law enacted in the interests of cept in the matter of advanced rank.

of a law enacted in the interests of temperance, morality and good government and for the proper administration of which the President is made peculiarly responsible.

"The present board has made the excise law a 'hissing and a by-word' and the saloon interests have flaunted brazenly their power and contempt for the law in the face of Congress, the President and the people of the District. If this board is continued I shall not hereafter refrain from placing the responsibility where it belongs. Respect for law, if nothing else, should lead to the removal of its members without delay. If they are to be shielded and encouraged in their disregard of the law, why should any one be held to its observance in any case and why should we hesitate to place the blame where responsibility rests? where responsibility rests?

# Urges a New Board.

"The only plea which the hoard memthe law in all respects. Against this assertion we place their acts. By these they must be judged rather than by their protestations, and the facts found by this committee, duly considered, furnish the strongest possible denunciation of the board and proclaim more clearly its unfitness than any words that can be uttered.

"For the cause of prohibition it would be well if the present board is "For the cause of prohibition it would be well if the present board is continued, but out of respect and regard for law which should control us all a new board should be appointed without delay."

# PORTUGAL NOW FEARING **NEW CRISIS IN CABINET**

Report That the Situation Under Lately Proclaimed Republic

Is Unimproved.

LISBON, March 8, via Paris.—The Thomas Edison, at work in his labora-political situation in Pertugal, which tory after midnight this morning, dispolitical situation in Portugal, which last week entered upon a serious epoch with the inauguration of the "republic of Northern Portugal," under the presidency of Gen. Antonio Barreto, has in no sense been improved by the resignation of Minister of Finance Galhards, which became known yesterday. As a matter of fact, a further cabinet crisis now would force developments. the outcome of which would be fraugh with much danger. The assumption of Baron Shigeto Dewa, special representminister of foreign affairs may help the exposition, arrived here last night. He are to speak. situation, but, nevertheless, there is a was to be entertained today by officials general demand for the formation of a of the Panama-California exposition national coalition ministry, to be supported by all parties, or else a distinct n close collaboration with congress. Should this latter course be adopted

congress would have to meet in exdinary session at once. the meantime, fears of rioting , and the government is taking customery measures to preserve

# REQUESTS FOR THE USE OF SCHOOLS ARE MADE

Associations Take Advantage of Law Designating Buildings as Social Centers.

Requests for the use of school buildings as social centers, as allowed by new congressional statute, have been made by the residents of Chevy Chase and by the Birney-Hillsdale Home and School Association. Formal requests have been received by Harry O. Hine, secretary of the board of edu-

Several similar requests are to be made in the near future, according to unofficial advices which have been received by the school officers. Great interest in the proposition to open school buildings as social centers has been taken in practically every part of Washington since the agitation for such use of them was first started.

# Buildings Idle Most of Time.

It was pointed out several times that buildings worth millions of dollars lay idle except for a few hours each day, and then in only about nine months in the year. Officials of the schools were anxious to extend and develop certain

anxious to extend and develop certain lines of work, but were greatly hampered by the fact that until the present it was not possible to use the buildings to their fullest capacity.

Many civic organizations, particularly the home and school associations, also have been desirous of aiding the children by the use of schools as "neighborhood centers," but also have been prevented, until the present time, by the limitations of the law noted. It is expected that great activity now will be shown in upbuilding social centers in many parts of the city.

# TO TAKE UP THE DUTIES OF ARMY LINE OFFICERS

Brig. Gens. Hodges and Sibert, Recently Promoted, Will Be Relieved of Engineer Work.

Brig. Gen. Harry F. Hodges and Brig. Gen. William L. Sibert, the two officers of the Corps of Engineers re-cently promoted and transferred to the line of the army in recognition of their services in the construction of the Panama canal, will be relieved at once given details more in accordance with their new status. Gen. Hodges now is in charge of the District water supply in charge of the District water supply system, and river and harbor and fortification works in this vicinity. He will be succeeded in that office by Lieut. Col. Henry C. Newcomer, Corps of Engineers, resident member of the board of engineers in this city, who is to continue also on that duty. Col. board of engineers in this city, who is to continue also on that duty. Col. Newcomer is perfectly familiar with the local engineering works, having previously had charge of them temporarily on two occasions, once following the transfer of Col. William C. Langfitt to the southeast division at Savannah, and again on the transfer of Maj. Charles W. Kutz to the District government.

"I heretofore have refrained from bringing this matter into politics or from criticising the President in regard to it. I have d'scouraged any attempt to bring it into politics. I did not encourage this investigation. I urged that the President be made acquainted with the facts, that he might himself act and save himself and his administration from attack because of the action of the board. I believed that if the facts that had been gathered could be presented directly to him he would act promptly and effectively. Attempts were made to do this, but failed.

Holds the Board Unfit.

"An official investigation, therefore, has been made; the report has been submitted. He cannot avoid the re-

ernor of the Panama Canai Zone, and he will continue in that duty until he asks to be relieved following the completion of the canal construction work. In the case of Surgeon General Gorgas, also promoted to the grade of major general, no action

# DEATH OF PHILIP McKIM, CIVIL WAR VETERAN, 78

White House Steward During Harrison Regime-Resident Here for Thirty-One Years.

Philip McKim, seventy-eight years old, a veteran of the civil war and a steward in the White House during the administration of President Harrison. died yesterday at his home, 718 20th street northwest. Mr. McKim had been ill about a year, and seriously ill for the past month. Funeral services are to be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Dr. J. Henning Nelms of the Church of the Ascension officiating. Interment is to be in Glenwood cemetery.

Mr. McKim was a native of Ireland. Coming to this country, he settled in New York city, and engaged in the catering business there until the civil war, when he enlisted in a New York regiment, serving for several years.

# Retired Several Years Ago.

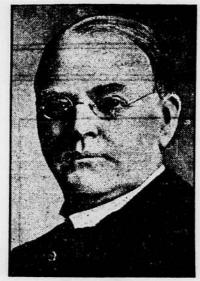
He came to Washington about thirtyone years ago, and for a while was a steward at the Metropolitan Club and later served in a like capacity at the White House. He retired from active

# Edison Has Second Fire.

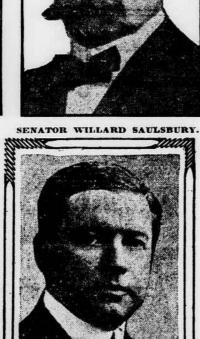
WEST ORANGE, N. J., March 8 .-Thomas Edison, at work in his labora-

Admiral Dewa in San Diego SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 8 .- Admiral Tomorrow he will leave for San Fran-

# MEMBERS OF JOINT COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA-FEDERAL FINANCES.



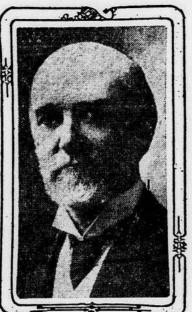






REPRESENTATIVE HENRY T. REPRESENTATIVE WARREN GARD, REPRESENTATIVE





COOPER.

# War Officially Reported

GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, March 8, via London, 3 p.m.: of their present engineering duties and In the western arena: Aviators of the enemy have dropped bombs on Ostend.

The fighting in the Champagne dis-trict continued last night. At Souain the enemy was repulsed after a hand-to-hand engagement. Hostilities were again resumed during the night.

In the district to the east of Le Mesnil the enemy attacked in the afternoon, but this movement falled completely. Our night counter-attack was suc-cessful; forty Frenchmen were cap-

cessful; forty Frenchmen were captured.
We repulsed attacks in the forest of Le Pretre, to the northwest of Ponta-Mousson.
In the Vosges, in the district west of Munster and north of Sennheim, the fighting is still going on.
In the eastern arena, to the south of Augustowo, Russian attacks failed with heavy losses to the enemy. The fighting has been resumed in the vicinity of Lomza. To the west of Przasnysz and east of Plock the Russians have made several unsuccessful assaults upon our lines. Furthermore, German troops have repulsed two Russian advances from the vicinity of Nowomiesto have been not successful. In the consequent fighting we took 1,509 prisoners.

# FRENCH STATEMENT.

PARIS, March 8, via London, 4 p.m.: There is nothing of importance in the Champagne section to add to yesterday's communication. Progress reported at different points is enhanced. At the end of the day we captured trenches to the northwest of Souain. The captured trenches between Perthes and Beausejour represent 400 to 500 meters. We captured a number of prisoners, includ-

the region of the heights of the meuse our heavy artillery, according to prisoners, seriously damaged a forty-two-centimeter gun recently placed in position by the Germans. This gun had to be dismantled and sent to the rear for repairs. Four of the gun crew were killed and seven wounded. in Lorraine we progressed northwest

several points fights for favorable heights continue. The Russians have suffered considerable losses.

he staff of the army of the Caucasus, under date of March 6, says that en-gagements continue in the region be-yond Tchoruk and south of Khoi. In other directions there is no change in

nied by hostile tribesmen, during the past week and in the fighting which followed heavy casualties were inflicted on the Turks and their allies, while the British also suffered considerably, according to a report on the fighting issued by the Marquis of Crewe, secretary of state for India.

Telegraphing from Cairo, the Daily Mail's correspondent says:

"During the retreat of the Turks after the recent Suez operations the Ger-

# KNIGHTS OF MOMUS ELECT.

White House. He retired from active business several years ago.

He was a member of John A. Rawlins Post, No. I, G. A. R., and senior warden of St. Michael and All Angels' P. E. Church. He was a Mason, his lodge being in New York.

His widow, Mrs. Selina McKim; two sons, William C. McKim and Philip McKim, and two daughters, Miss Lucy McKim and Mrs. Jennie Lowe, all of this city, survive him.

Vote of Thanks Given to P. C. Johnson for Sketch Prepared for Club.

Officers of the Knights of Momus (Knockers) were elected at the annual meeting of the organization yesterday at the Elks' Hall as follows: Daniel V. Chisholm, president; T. C. Parsons, vice president; J. M. Johnson, recording president p secretary; John A. Huston, financial secretary; M. A. Bodenhamer, treasurer, and R. H. Julian, sergeant-at-arms. Philander C. Johnson was elected an honorary member, and a vote of thanks was extended him for a sketch which he recently prepared for the club. Plans for a ladies' night to be held at Elks' Hall early in April were made.

# Rev. Gilbert Williams to Preside.

Rev. Gilbert Williams is to preside at a meeting of the American Federation of Patriotic Societies to be held in the hall at 11th and E streets northwest this evening. Rev. Williams, Rev. Howard G. England, Prof. Claude E. Holmes, Prof. A. J. Saxby and others

# Engineer Officers Named.

board of engineer officers to consist Elected to the Board of Trade.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trade today new members of the board were elected as follows: John M. Hunter, Charles T. Wood, E. R. S. Embrey, Arthur E. H. Middleton, David A. Baer and Irving Owings.

J. Kingman and First Lieut. Earl J. Atkisson has been appointed to meet at Washington barracks to award the marks upon the papers submitted by candidates who underwent the examination, beginning February 8, 1915, to determine their fitness for appointment as probational second fleutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

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Night attacks by the Russians were everywhere repulsed. Five officers and seventy-five men were captured. In northeast Galicia calm continues.

# RUSSIAN STATEMENT

PETROGRAD, via London, March S:

# BRITISH ADMIT HEAVY LOSSES IN VICTORY WON OVER TURKS

# SHERIFF WHALEN BETTER.

Montgomery County Official Who Shot Himself Expected to Recover. Benjamin Peyton Whalen, sheriff of Montgomery county, Md., who attempted suicide late Saturday afternoon by shootat the Elks' Hall as follows: Daniel V. ing himself in the mouth while in his Chisholm, president; T. C. Parsons, vice office at Rockville, probably will represident; J. M. Johnson, recording veyed to his wife at Georgetown Uni- P. Harlow and Charles P. Maloney. versity Hospital yesterday. The patient, It is stated, seemed much pleased when told of his probable recovery.

# Baumgardt Lecture.

Baumgardt closed his course of illustrated lectures at the Belasco Theater yesterday with an afternoon presentation of "The Life and Aims of Richard Wagner," and in the evening with "An Evening With the Stars." By word and picture in his discussion of Wag-ner he revealed the ambitions and viclasitudes of the immortal German who fought prejudice as the American has allowed persons to gamble in his who fought prejudice as the American pioneer fought Indians, showed Balreuth, where Wagner's life work was crowned by the performance of "Parsifal," and the palace in Venice where he died. Intimate glimpses of Wagner's association with the tragic King of Bavaria, the Lorelei rocks and other points along the Rhine identified with Wagnerian compositions; the heroes Lohengrin. Tannhauser and Siegfried, from Germany's art archives, and many

George Rublee and Joseph E. Davies Confer at White House-Still a Bull Mooser.

ers, including 7 officers, and also 3 machine guns.

On the left bank of the Vistula, in the region of the Pilica, the fighting is assuming the character of a great battle.

In the Carpathians, between the Ondawa and San rivers, the Austrian attacks continue. Southwest of Lutowisko the enemy tried to cross to the right bank of the San, but in a counter attack Saturday night the Austrian units which had succeeded in crossing the river were annihilated.

Sull mooser and is not ashamed of it. He attacked Senator Gallinger in the recent senatorial election in New Hampshire only upon the senator's congressional record, he said, and did not reflect upon Mr. Gallinger prevented the confirmation of Rublee and will fight his nomination next winter, it is said.

FUNERAL OF M. I. WELLER

# HELD THIS MORNING

Services at His Late Home With Requiem Mass Following at St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Funeral services for Michael I. Wel-LONDON, March 8.—British troops occupying the head of the Persian gulf located two Turkish forces, accompanied by hostile tribesmen, during the past week and in the fighting which past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a figure of the control of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is their allies and three hundred of the prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, who is the past week and in the fighting which dispatch from Constantinople gives a special of the most prominent citizens of Washington, which have been approximately a special of the prominent citizens of Washington, which have been prominent citizens of Washington and the prominent citi

Honorary pallbearers were Col. George Truesdell, representing the Board of Trade; Theodore W. Noyes, representing the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants; Thomas W. Smith and John C. Yost, representing the East Washington Savings Bank, of which Mr. Weller was president at the time of his death; James F. Hood, representing the Columbia Historical Society; John Shugrue, representing St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, and James D. Maher and George W. Moss.

Active pallbearers consisted of six nephews—Fred Repetti, Vincent Repetti, Edward Repetti, Dr. John J. Repetti,

Paul Repetti and Leo Repetti and Leo Interment was in Mount Olivet come

RELEASED ON BOND.

## H. A. Johansen Pleads Guilty to Permitting Gaming on Premises. Pleading guilty to a charge of pernitting gaming on his premises, Henry A. Johansen of 3159 Mount Pleasant street was arraigned in the Police Court today before Judge Mullowny. Testimony was given that Johanse

place recently, and when police of the tenth precinct, led by Sergt. Lauten, raided the store yesterday nine men

vere playing craps. The defendant was released on bond, pending sentence in the case, with the probability that he will be placed on

# This was while he was a state senator, in the late eighties. Representative Cooper was born in Walworth county, Wis., in 1850; graduated from the Northwestern University twenty-three years later, and in 1875 took a degree in law from the Union College at Chicago, the same institution from which Representative Rainey later graduated in law. Mr. Cooper was admitted to the Wisconsin bar almost upon graduation, and be-

Rainey later graduated in law. Mr. Cooper was admitted to the Wisconsin bar almost upon graduation, and became a member of well known firms in the course of his practice. He was elected district attorney of Racing county in 1880, and twice re-elected without opposition. He came to Washington in the Fifty-third Congress, and has served continuously ever since. Representative Warren Gard of Hamilton, Ohlo, is one of the younger democrats of Congress, the session just closed being his first. He has taken little part in the debates of the House, but has done considerable work on the judiciary committee. His appointment to the investigation of the Judge Dayton case was the first important House assignment that had been given him, and was received with commendation by older members of the committee. Representative Gard has been a lawyer all his business life, having graduated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1894. He was prosecuting attorney of Butler county, Ohio, and later became judge of the court of common pleas of the foreign colony, came forward with an offer of 250,000 pesos to buy food and take charge of the situation, but Obregon for them to undertake the work.

The committee recently sent a petition to the State Department described as of a most sensational character. Secretary Bryan has constantly declined to make it public, altuough apprised that the object of the committee. Mr. Bryan believes that in the circumstances, while the American government is bringing strong pressure to be provided the three of the foreign sent to the State Department described as of a most sensational character. Secretary Bryan has constantly declined to make it public, altuough apprised that the object of the committee. Mr. Bryan believes that in the circumstances, while the American government is bringing strong pressure to be publicated from the Cincinnati Law School in 1894. He was prosecuting attorney of Butler county, Ohio, and later became judge of the court of common pleas of the first subdivision of the second judicia

Senators John D. Works and Willard Saulsbury are both members of the District committee, and so are well in-formed regarding District interests

Senator Works is a Californian and a republican. He was born in Ohio county, Ind., and is sixty-eight years WALTER JOHNSON REPORTS
AT CHARLOTTESVILLE CAMP

In the Voeges, at Reich Ackerkopf, the Germans made a violent counter attack late Nunday afternoon. For the moment there are not the red of the surface o old. He was reared on a farm until

# Senator Saulsbury's Activities.

Senator Saulsbury is a Delawarean and a democrat. He is the son of Willard Saulsbury, who was attorney general of the state and United States senator from 1859 to 1871 and chanwas given a recess appointment as a member of the new federal trade commission, saw President Wilson commission commissio George Rublee of Cornish, N. H., who our frongs on the left bank of the Nieman shack behind the front of Sopotzkin-Lypskov, and then pushed on vigorously.

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He never held public office until elected 'nited States senator January 29, 1913, out was democratic caucus no

United States senator at sessions of 1899, 1901, 1903, 1905, 1907 and 1911, and received all the democratic minority votes on joint ballots. His term expires March 3, 1919.

Senator Saulsbury is a member of the District committee and has had an important part in framing legislation which has come from that committee. It was Senator Saulsbury who succeeded in having the provision inserted in the sundry civil law just enacted which will enable the authorities to go ahead with the plans for a connecting parkway between Rock Creek and Potomac parks. He is a member of the parture has made many persons persons. parkway between Rock Creek and Po-tomac parks. He is a member of the interstate commerce committee, and he was active on that committee dur-ing the consideration of the federal trade commission act.

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Senator Chilton a Democrat.

Senator William E. Chilton of West Virginia is a democrat. He was born March 17, 1858. He began the practice of law in 1862 in Charleston. He was appointed prosecuting attorney of Kanawha county in 1883, to fill out the unexpired term of C. P. Snyder, who had been elected to Congress. He was the democratic ontine for prosecuting attorney of Kanawha county in 1884, and was defeated by S. C. Burdette, now judge of the circuit court of Kanawha county. He was a candidate for the state senate on the democratic ticket in 1886, but was defeated by S. C. Surdette, now judge of the campaign of 1892 and was appointed secretary of state by Gov. MacOrkie to serve from March 4, 1883, to fill, to succeed Senator Nathan Bay Scott, for a term of six years, beginning March 4, 1891. His term expires March 3, 1917.

Senator Chilton, it is expected, will be chosen chairman of the joint committee. He has always taken an interest in the legislation affecting the National Capital, though he is not a member of the Senate District committee. He has always taken an interest in the legislation affecting the National Capital, though he is not a member of the Senate District committee a partial if the people of decame of Villa currency. Disturbed by the demonstrations, Obregon permitted a partial exchange of Villa money, but received promptly at the demonstrations, Obregon permitted a partial exchange of Villa money, but received promptly at the telegram from Cartanaa. In this message, which was published in Verance of the Senator Nathan and the proposed promptly at the capital and the partial exchange of Villa money, but received promptly at the capital interest in the legislation affecting the second and partial exchange of Villa currency of the capital interest in the legislation affecting the capital interest in the legislation affecting the capital interest in the legislation affecting the proposed partial intere

other committees.

# "Movies" for Oregon Prisoners. SALEM, Ore., March 8 .- The regular

unday religious service at the Oregon state penitentiary was eliminated yesterday in favor of a motion picture play, with the approval of Gov. Withy-combe. For the next four Sundays prisoners will attend picture shows in-stead of religious services,

# COMMITTEE FILLED (Continued from First Page.) should be ascertained before making any change in the flexal policy of the government toward the capital. Other Committee Members. Representative Henry Allen Cooper of the first district of Wisconsin lives in Racine, and is known not only in his own state, but throughout the northwest as a typical fighting republican, progressive in his tendencies, but his chief political characteristic has been his undying harter to the "machine" type of organization that robs men of their independent thought and action. He wrote and pushed to enactment the law which first gave to Wisconsin lives of the reverse and pushed to enactment the law which first gave to Wisconsin lives of the machine" type of organization that robs men of their independent thought and action. He wrote and pushed to enactment the law which first gave to Wisconsin lives a was a state sensitor, in the late eighties. Representative Cooper was born in Walvoort the organization that robs men of their independent thought and action. He wrote and pushed to enactment the law which first gave to Wisconsin lives are citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more citizens of the United States in Mexico City than of any other ere are more c

States in Mexico City than of any other country. Obregon's repudiation of Villa's currency worked the first hardship because it made many wealthy folk penniless. The poor rioted, clamoring for bread, and Obregon, in published announcements, practically sanctioned plunder and rioting, even predicting the evacuation of his own forces if the riots developed into extensive demonstrations.

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## Conditions Reported Better. "Conditions in Mexico City are im

proving hourly," says a statement given The agency says it "desires to call attention to the fact that it has now been a week since the fact. out by the constitutionalist agency here been a week since the first story of for- eign war and keep the United States eigners being in danger in Mexico City out of intervention in Mexico.

# Serious Consequences Pointed Out.

Two communications sent by the Washington government to Gen. Car ranza at Vera Cruz have pointed out in strong terms the serious consequences that might follow if foreigners in the capital are unable to get food and sup-

# Story Not Yet Told, It Is Said.

At practically all the embassies and egations the dispatches that have been received tell of a desperate condition

Carranza's order to Obregon prohibiting the populace from using the money issued by Villa before his departure has made many persons penniless. Obregon was given orders to evacuate the capital if the people objected to the repudiation of Villa currency.

terest in the legislation affecting the National Capital, though he is not a member of the Senate District committee. He took an important part in the framing of the anti-trust legislation enacted during the last Congress. He is chairman of the census committee and a member of the judiciary, naval affairs, interoceanic canals and several other committees. prevents the transmission to or from Vera Cruz of any news under severe penalties hibition as well as the letter. Rumors of the wildest character often

spread through Vera Cruz on this account. Recently there was a report that British marines had landed at Tuxpam another was that the Washington govern-ment had sent an ultimatum to Carranza, and still another that France and Great divorce.

but expects to remain there to establish peace and order, according to the following statement made here by Francisco Elia, Carranza's consul general in New York.

making any comment on the news regarding the situation in Mexico City until I have made personal inquiric municated with Gen. Obregon and the first chief, Carranza, and both assur-

at its mercy, but is gradually establishing peace and order.
"Neither is it true that people are at the point of starvation. I have personal knowledge that the Ward liner Morro Castle, which reached Vera Cruz last Friday, contained large shipments of food supplies for the people of Mexico City.

Democratic Leaders Sanguine Over

Senator-elect Underwood of Alabama, Senator Kern of Indiana, Senator Thompson of Kansas, Representative Adamson of Georgia and others have no apprehension regarding a possible extra session. Mr. Underwood said to-day that he does not believe Mexican affairs are going to involve this coun-try.

# THAW, ALL SMILES, APPEARS FOR TRIAL

Slayer of Stanford White in Court to Answer Charge of Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, March 8 .- Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, smilingly came into the criminal

entire attention to recapturing Mexico City was looked upon in some official quarters as a possible solution of the situation, inasmuch as such a move, if successful, would give uninterrupted passage for supplies from the American border by rail.

Dipiomatists as well as officials continued to show their concern over the problem. Inquiries which were made by them of each other revealed the extent of their interest.

when he was brought from New Hampshire.

When the names of Thaw's co-defendants were called none of them answered. Deputy Sheriffs were sent into the corridors of the courthouse and finally came back with Roger Thompson and Eugene Duffy. Five minutes clapsed and Thomas Flood was brought in. Butler and O'Keefe hurried into court ten minutes later. When they were all seated Justice Page warned them that if they were tardy again he would discharge them

> Contentions of the State. The contentions of the state were partly outlined by Assistant District Attorney O'Malley in questioning the first talesman, S. D. Fitch, a public accountant. These questions indicated that the prosecution would request the withstanding Thaw's insanity he might have a capacity to conspire. The tales-man was excused because he admitted that he had formed an opinion about

and her sevens of Coleover, N. H., a policeman who had charge of Thaw after his arrest.

The trial is expected to occupy not more than a week if Thaw's counsel are unable to obtain a test of his sanity at this time.

"I have purposely refrained from me that the stories are not only greatly exaggerated, but certain allegations are absolutely without foundation.
"Gen. Obregon informs me that he does not contemplate leaving the city at its mercy, but is gradually establishing neace and order.

City.

"The stories were circulated by certain political factions which are seeking intervention in Mexico. Their object is to discredit President Wilson's policy."

# EXPECT NO EXTRA SESSION.

President's Efforts for Neutrality. Prominent democratic senators and representatives calling on the Presi-

Because of this optimism, they are not looking forward to an extra session of Congress between now and next December. They have complete faith

from bail and have them confined in

# the Tombs during the trial.

the case.
Frank F. Balley, a salesman, the sec

used for cooking and is sold for 15 pesos a sack, where formerly it was bought for 1 peso.

Residents Leave Capital.

Almost overy train from Mexico City brings more refugees to Vera Cruz. In the latter city, where Carranza rules, expressions of bitter resentment are heard against the people of Mexico City for falling to support Carranza while he was there. The public in Vera Cruz learned of developments only through out-of-date there. The public in vera Cruz learned York and testify for him if desired. Among them, it was said, are Sheriff American newspapers, the circulation of Holman Drew of Coos county, N. H., a which is restricted. The censorship there and Del Stevens of Colebrook, N. H., a policeman who had charge of Thaw

Floyd G. Dixon and his former wife, Lottie M. Dixon, after separation for six years following a divorce, walked hand in hand into court at Elkins, W. Va. asked and received annulment of